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REMARKS

Claims 9-10, 12, 23-30, and 32 remain pending in the application including independent claims 9, 23, and 32. Claims 1-8, 11, 13-22, and 31 have been cancelled.

The examiner has additionally restricted out claims 1-5, 8, and 21-22. These claims have been cancelled by the present amendment.

Claims 23-30 have been allowed. Claims 13 and 32 are indicated as allowable. Claim 13 has been incorporated into claim 9, from which claim 13 directly depended. Claim 32 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of the base claim (claim 9) and the intervening claim 31. As such, claims 9-10, 12, 23-30, and 32 should now be in condition for allowance.

The specification stands objected to for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter set forth in claim 31. The term "directly" has been removed from claim 31, which is presently incorporated into claim 32.

Claim 23 has been amended in response to the examiner's objections.

Claims 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs. Again, claim 31 has been amended as discussed above to address this rejection.

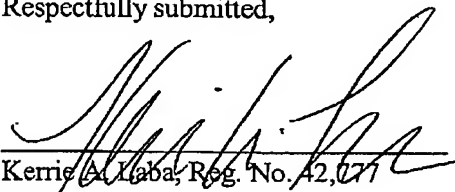
Claims 9, 10, 12, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2001-105500 (JP '500). This rejection is moot in light of the amendments set forth above.

All claims are now in condition for allowance and applicant respectfully requests an indication of such. Applicant believes that no additional claims fees are due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees. Further, applicant filed a response within two months of the mailing date of the present final office action. The Examiner issued an advisory action after the three month time period from the mailing date, and as such, extension fees are calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. As such, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to

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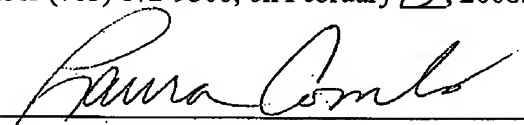
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